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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Das et al.

Serial No.: 10/045,542

Filed: October 26, 2001

For: **METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OXIDE LAYER ON A SILICON CARBIDE
LAYER UTILIZING AN ANNEAL IN A HYDROGEN ENVIRONMENT**

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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, but before payment of the Issue Fee. The Notice of Allowance was mailed on June 27, 2003.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(1), the following Certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is made:

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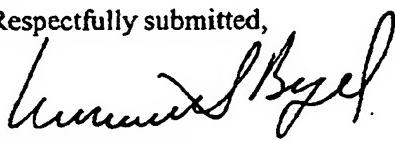
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